

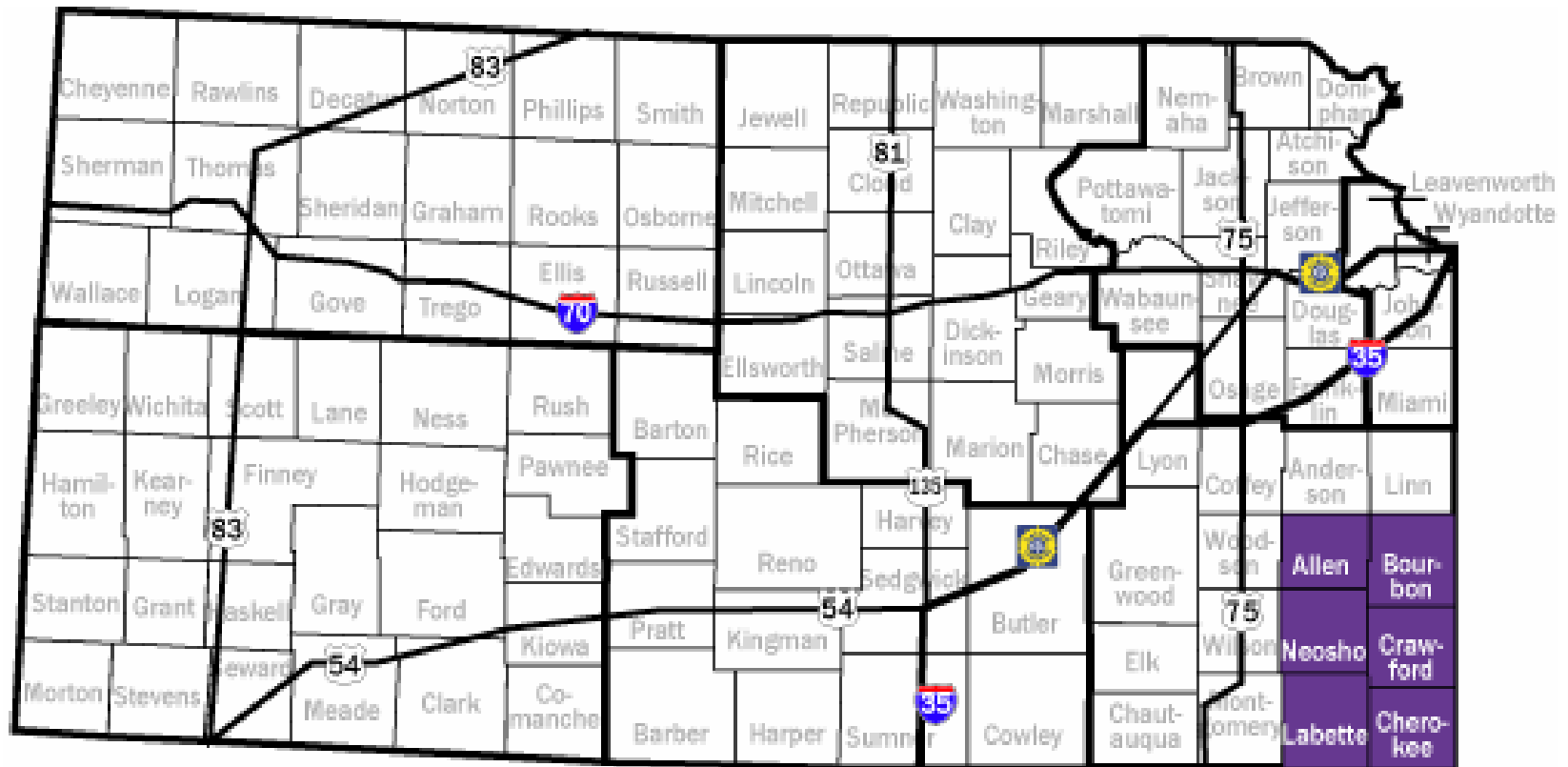


# The Methamphetamine Problem

**Sheriff Sandy Horton**

**Southeast Kansas Drug Enforcement Task Force**

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**Southeast Kansas Drug Enforcement Task Force  
(SEKDETf)**

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## THE PROBLEM

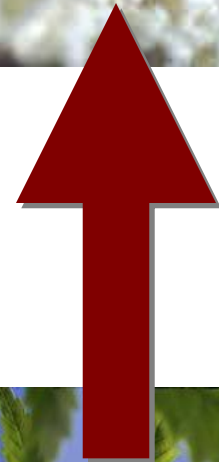
**Since 1990, Kansas has seen a drastic shift in drug manufacturing, importation and abuse patterns**



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## THE PROBLEM

**Methamphetamine has surpassed marijuana as the greatest drug threat in Kansas**






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## THE PROBLEM



- Cheap ingredients
- Low risk of being caught
- High profit
- Highly addictive

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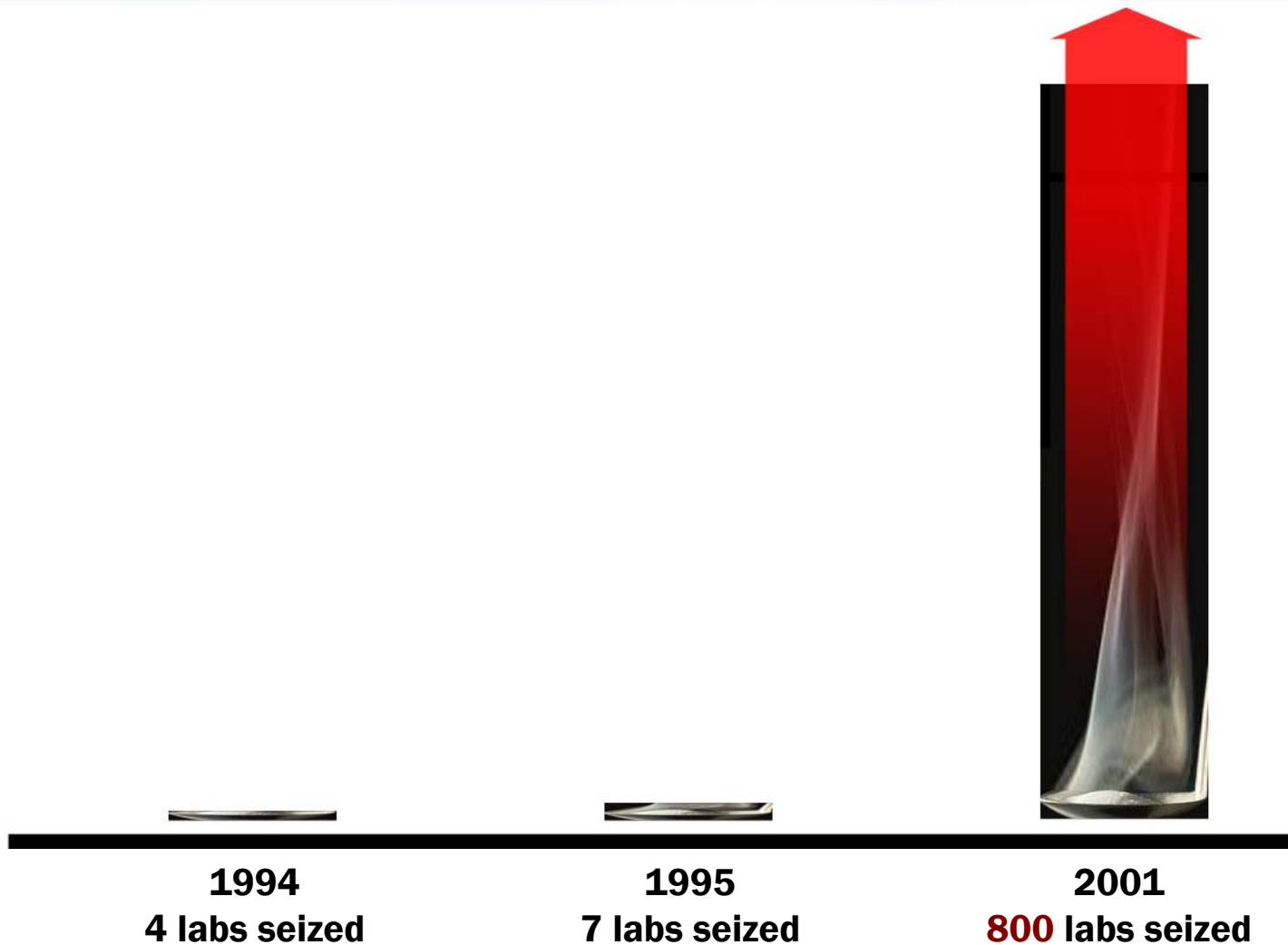


**1994**  
**4 labs seized**

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## THE PROBLEM

**88% of meth manufacturers have also  
been meth abusers**



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## THE PROBLEM

**By 1997, meth production  
reached epidemic  
proportions**



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## THE IDEA



**A group of concerned SE Kansas Sheriffs  
approached the KBI with a plan**



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## THE IDEA

**The SE Kansas Drug Task Force modeled the Kansas program after one created by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation**





# The Methamphetamine Problem

## **STRUCTURE**

**The executive board is comprised of:**

- **19 representatives from municipal and county law enforcement agencies**
- **Representatives from Kansas Attorney General, the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, the Kansas Highway Patrol and the Kansas National Guard**



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## **STRUCTURE**

**The Executive Board meets monthly and the task force  
is administered by the KBI**



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## **STRUCTURE**

**The SE Kansas Drug Enforcement Task Force became operational in January 1999**



# **The Methamphetamine Problem**

## **STAFFING**

**Task Force Manager**

**Seven Agents conduct investigative operations and  
law enforcement duties**

**A secretary and research/crime analyst  
provide support**

**An Assistant Attorney General acts as prosecutor for  
the Task Force**





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## **FUNDING**

- **Contributions from Member Agencies**
- **Midwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area**
- **Edward G. Byrne Memorial Law Enforcement Grant**
- **KBI General Fund**



# The Methamphetamine Problem

## PERFORMANCE

- **946** investigative cases initiated
- **769** arrests
- **452** criminal cases have resulted in convictions
- **99** persons prosecuted in Federal court
- **490** firearms seized
- **466** search warrants executed



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## PERFORMANCE

- **430** clandestine laboratory incidents investigated
- **718** pounds of marijuana seized worth \$2,282,000
- **2963** marijuana plants seized
- **58.1 pounds** (103,936 doses) of meth seized worth \$2,598,400
- **5.9 pounds** of cocaine (10,572 doses) seized worth \$264,300

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## PERFORMANCE

### Clandestine Methamphetamine Laboratory Seizures 2000-2004 \*

YEAR	STATE-WIDE SEIZURES	SEIZURES IN SEKDETf OPERATIONAL AREA	PERCENTAGE OF LABS IN SEKDETf AREA	NUMBER OF SEKDETf COUNTIES IN TOP 10 REPORTING COUNTIES
2000	702	135	19%	2 Counties in top 10
2001	847	107	12%	2 Counties in top 10
2002	728	93	12%	2 Counties in top 10
2003	649	117	18%	3 Counties in top 10
2004	563	249	44%	6 Counties in top 10



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## **DRUG ENDANGERED CHILDREN PROGRAM**





# **The Methamphetamine Problem**

## **DRUG ENDANGERED CHILDREN PROGRAM**

### **A cooperative effort between**

**Kansas Bureau of Investigation,**

**Kansas Attorney General's Office**

**Social and Rehabilitation Services**

**Crawford County Sheriff's Department**

**Crawford Country Emergency Medical Services**

**SEKDTEF**

**Crawford County attorney's Office**

**Pittsburg Police Department**

**Restorative Justice Authority**

**MT. Carmel Regional Medical Center**



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## **DRUG ENDANGERED CHILDREN PROGRAM**

**Designed to identify and treat all children who have been exposed to environments where a meth lab was discovered or chemicals for making meth are stored.**

**Health effects are often long-term or permanent**



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## **DRUG ENDANGERED CHILDREN PROGRAM**

- 1. Child is transported to the nearest medical facility**
- 2. Child is examined for ill effects of chemical exposure**
- 3. Child may be interviewed for a Child in Need of Care case filed on the child's behalf**

**The emphasis of the program is the  
best interest of the child.**





# The Methamphetamine Problem

**SE Kansas Drug Enforcement Task Force**

## **MISSION**

**To measurably reduce the impact of drug  
manufacturing, distribution and trafficking**

**Task Force personnel are committed to interagency  
cooperation**